

THE BOMBMAKER.

He Makes an Apparently Harmless Letter a Deadly Machine.

So expert are bombmakers nowadays that an apparently harmless letter may kill any person who tries to open it. A piece of cardboard is cut to a size which, when folded over, will fit into an ordinary envelope. The four corners of this are slit into narrow strips. Fulminate of mercury is spread over three of the slits, and the sheet is folded and fastened together. Proceeding from each side of the folded sheet is a little metal strip, or detonator, glued to the cardboard in such a manner that the envelope cannot be opened without striking one of them. Upon meeting this slight resistance the hand moving the paper cutter instinctively pushes harder, and the result is an explosion that either kills or maims.

The easiest bomb to construct is set in operation by simply turning it upside down. It is usually a good sized cracker box, lined with paper and half filled with a mixture of chlorate of potassium and ordinary sugar. Into this a bottle of a powerful acid is introduced. The remainder of the space in the box is filled with scraps of metal. Then the lid is soldered on.

All that is then necessary is to place the box upside down at the spot in which it is to explode. The acid eats quickly through the cork of the bottle and comes in contact with the chlorate of potassium. As a result of the chemical combination which takes place there is a terrific explosion.—Chicago News.

THE ESPOUSAL.

Ancient Ceremony of the Mutual Promise of Marriage.

The first part of the matrimonial office was anciently termed the espousal, which took place some time prior to the actual celebration of marriage. These espousals consisted in a mutual promise of marriage, which was made by the man and woman before the bishop or priest and several witnesses.

After them the articles of agreement of marriage, called tabulae matrimoniales, which are mentioned by Augustine, were signed by both persons. After this the man delivered to the woman the ring and other gifts, an action which was termed subarratation. In the latter ages the espousals have always been performed at the same time as the office of matrimony in all the churches abroad, and it has long been customary for the ring to be delivered to the woman after the contract has been made, which has always been in the actual office of matrimony.

The ring is a special token of spousage. In some of the old manuals for the use of foreign cathedrals before the minister proceeds to the marriage he is directed to ask the woman's dowry—viz, the tokens of spousage—and by these tokens of spousage are to be understood rings or money or some other things to be given to the woman by the man, which giving is called wedding or covenanting, especially when it is done by the giving of a ring.—New York Tribune.

Knew Him at Once.

There are other sure ways of bringing a man to mind besides mentioning his name. Among the candidates who were sent from Princeton to a Philadelphia church was one young man whose language was of the sort which dazzles and delights the younger members of a congregation and sometimes pleases the elders as well. In this case the committee were besieged to ask for the young man again, and they consented, but unfortunately the man to whose lot it fell to write the letter had forgotten the candidate's name. Nothing daunted, he wrote to one of the seminary professors:

"Please send us that floweret, streamlet, rivulet, chucklet, starlight and moonbeam young man again. We've forgotten his name, but we've no doubt you'll recognize him."

"We do," wrote the professor. And the desired candidate was sent and subsequently was called to the parish.

To Extract Essence From Flowers.

Procure a quantity of the petals of any flowers that smell sweet and fragrant. Take thin pieces of muslin or fine linen and after having dipped them in good Lucca oil or Florence oil place them as layers between the petals. Sprinkle a small quantity of fine salt on the flowers and put a layer of linen and a layer of flowers alternately until an earthen vessel or wide mouthed glass bottle is full. Tie the top over with oil silk or parchment, then lay the vessel in a south aspect in the heat of the sun, and in fifteen days, when uncovered, a fragrant oil may be squeezed away from the whole mass.

Stage Dressmaking.

Our plays are for the most part over-dressed, with extravagance, vulgarity and inappropriateness obtaining in place of artistic fitness. The new costumes have to some extent frequently undone the results of undress rehearsals, the actresses no longer representing the drama as they did before the dressmaker sent home their gowns, while the variety of their impersonations is swamped by the uniformity of their fashions.—A. W. Pinero in Costume.

ON IMMIGRATION

BACON GIVES VIEWS

States Will Not Be Hampered By New Federal Law.

STRAUS SEEN BY SENATOR

Secretary Assures Georgian that the Law Will Not Be Construed So as to Hamper Southern States—Senator Didn't Oppose Amendment.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—Senator Bacon Monday called on Secretary Straus, of the department of commerce and labor, and after a full conference expressed the assurance that the construction which the department will place upon the immigration law, recently passed by the senate, will not prevent Georgia and other states from proceeding under the Santa Carolina plan to secure desirable immigrants.

The main point to be rigidly observed is that the transactions must be through the legally appointed and recognized agent of the state. In his discharge of all legitimate means to attract immigration to the south, no point will be made by the department as to the source from which such state officer receives money to carry off these operations. Under this plan, Senator Bacon is positive there will be no violation of the contract labor laws, and each state can restrict immigration to the most desirable class if it wishes.

Senator Bacon has stated that his opposition to the immigration bill had been misunderstood. He did not oppose the Japanese passport amendment, but declared that if this feature was presented independently, he thought it would promptly be adopted by both houses.

There were other features in the bill containing the amendment introduced to solve the Japanese question which he did vigorously oppose, and he said they were as vital in their effect upon the industries of the south as the Japanese problem was to people on the Pacific coast. He opposed undue haste in rushing the bill through until these other sections affecting southern immigration, could be given proper attention.

Divorce Statistics.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington, says that preliminary estimates made by the bureau of census as a result of the investigation of marriage and divorce statistics which began last summer, indicate that the number of applications for divorce filed throughout the United States during the 20-year period, from 1887 to 1906, will reach the enormous total of 1,400,000. It is estimated that three-fourths of the applications have been granted, so that the statistics when compiled will show that in the period stated, more than a million divorces have been allowed. On their face, the figures indicate a startling increase, but when the ratio they bear to the population is considered, it is not so great, though still large enough to warrant the serious consideration of the American people.

District Court in Dilemma.

New Orleans, Feb. 19.—According to a dispatch from Baton Rouge, the district court in that parish finds itself in a dilemma as the result of Judge Bruce's decision in granting the injunction against Congressman-elect George W. Perry for the holding of Dr. Harry Alford. When Mr. Perry refused from the bench on Nov. 8 the court had a grand jury without a judge, and now, with the decision of Judge Bruce, the court has a judge with no grand jury and a new one cannot be drawn until the supreme court has acted upon the state's appeal. A decision by the supreme court is not expected for at least thirty days.

Half a Million for Church.

Atlanta, Feb. 19.—There is a movement now on foot among the Christian Scientists of Atlanta to erect on Peachtree street the finest church in the south, at a cost of \$500,000, which will necessitate the sale of the present First church of Christ, Scientist, on Baker street, which is valued at \$20,000.

Sentenced for Robbing Boy.

Macon, Ga., Feb. 19.—For robbing little Willie Melton last Christmas night as he was coming from a Christmas tree with his basket of good things Santa Claus had given him Sterling Flowerly, a negro, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary by Judge W. H. Felton in superior court. The negro came up and admitted his guilt and sought a light sentence.

PLEA OF GUILTY BY TRUST MEN

Unexpected Action by Naval Stores Combination.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 19.—Sperdy P. Shetter, J. F. Myers, and S. P. Shetter company, partners in the Naval Stores company and the Naval Stores corporation, in the United States court pleaded guilty to the indictment charging them with conducting a turpentine trust, in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, and were fined \$5,000 each and costs by Judge Spear.

The indictments against the other defendants were nolle prossed, as it was stated by Assistant District Attorney Akerman that they were not the principals in any of the transactions, but merely employees, who had only executed what they had been ordered to do by their employers. The fines aggregated \$30,000.

This action was unexpected. The defendants were notified, through their attorneys, that they might appear to plead.

This turn in the case had not been generally anticipated, though it was known that Mr. Shetter and his counsel had made a trip to Washington to see the attorney general regarding the turpentine trust investigation.

Judge Spear administered a severe lecture to the defendants in passing sentence.

The sentences do not affect, in any way, the American Naval Stores company, recently organized by the consolidation of the S. P. Shetter and the Patterson-Dowling company. The business of the consolidated concern is conducted as being within the law. Mr. Shetter is chairman of the board of directors of the American Naval Stores company. His business will be continued just as it was proceeding before the trust prosecution was launched.

CLERK IS OUTWITTED BY THIEF

Succeeds in Carrying Off Tray of Precious Gems.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 19.—A local jewelry company was robbed of between \$50,000 and \$60,000 worth of these diamonds, and up to a late hour Monday no progress toward their recovery had been reported. A stranger entered the store, and asked to have an unmounted diamond, which he had, matched in order to have both mounted for earrings. A box of loose stones was produced by the clerk and they went through them trying to select a satisfactory stone. The stranger did not appear to be satisfied, and said he would send his wife around in the afternoon. He left the store, and as the clerk supposed the box of diamonds was returned to the safe. There was occasion to take the box from the safe again in the afternoon, and it was then discovered that the box that had been returned contained only tissue paper instead of the valuable jewels. It was identical in appearance with the box for which his had been substituted, except being a trifle smaller.

Greek Shoots a Negro Down.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 19.—A Greek, a negro, several times on Monday evening was the victim of a Greek fruit dealer, as the latter and his brother, a Greek, shot him down with a revolver. The negro fell, and was killed. The Greek dealer, who is a resident of the city, was arrested and charged with the murder. The Greek dealer, who is a resident of the city, was arrested and charged with the murder. The Greek dealer, who is a resident of the city, was arrested and charged with the murder.

Passes and Frankie Barred.

On the 19th, Feb. 19.—The constitutional convention Monday passed the section of the railroad report making it a criminal offense to accept a railroad pass or a telegraph frank. A railroad commission to be elected by direct vote of the people was created and the consolidation of railroad companies was prohibited.

Alleged Train Robbers Discharged.

Lake City, Fla., Feb. 19.—Newitt Israel, one of the accused safe robbers, was brought before Circuit Judge Palmer on a writ of habeas corpus. After argument Israel was discharged, Flowers and his friend were also dismissed. The railroad's detectives are now on the trail of the supposed robbers.

Garrett to Head Seaboard Air Line.

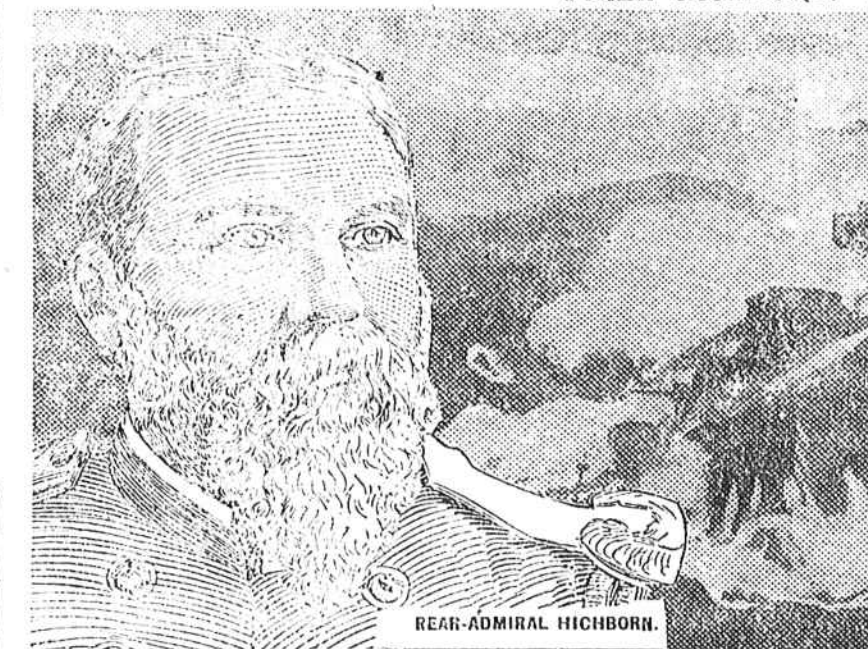
New York, Feb. 19.—The Herald says it is understood that William A. Garrett, first vice president of the Seaboard Air Line, will succeed the late Alfred Walter, as president of that road. Directors of the Seaboard will hold a meeting on Feb. 28.

REAR-ADMIRAL HIGHBORN PRAISES PE-RU-NA.

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In presenting the testimonial of Admiral Highborn we appreciate the high rank of our certifier.

We feel sure that his testimonial will appeal to others as it does to us, that nothing but a genuine wish to do others good would have impelled a man in such honorable rank to give public testimony to any remedy, however valuable.

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Our testimonials are and always have been given in the exact language of the certifier, with which we take no liberties whatever in adding to or changing them.

In the use of testimonials we have always received them properly signed, in good faith, have published them in good faith, and if there has arisen a slight misunderstanding concerning them, it has been some unavoidable complication occurring after the testimonial has been furnished us.

A Captain's Letter.

Rudolph B. Schwickardi, Capt. 39th N. Y. Vol. Inf., writes from Washington, D. C.:

"Having the fullest confidence in the efficacy of Peruna, both as a tonic and as a remedy for catarrhal trouble, I commend its use in the strongest possible terms. It should be in every household."

Killed by Target Man.

Warren, Ohio, Feb. 19.—At Girard Richard Humphrey, conductor of a Pennsylvania yard crew, was shot and killed by Plummer Eysenart, a discharged target man. Eysenart accused Humphrey of robbing him, and while drunk went to the telephone and called the police. Humphrey was sent to the police station, and Eysenart was released. Humphrey was killed by a bullet from Eysenart's revolver.

Hoffman Tries to Suicide.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 19.—Frank Hoffman, a man who was once a member of the St. Louis police force, was found in a rooming house, having attempted to commit suicide by drinking poison. He was taken to the hospital, but died before he could be treated.

Forest Fires Raging.

New Orleans, Feb. 19.—A Phlox special from the Osage, Miss., reports that forest fires are burning over a wide territory. Soldiers in remote places have had desperate battles to save their homes and buildings. The property loss is considerable.

Sinking of a Steamboat.

Alexandria, La., Feb. 19.—The Lucas-Bonanza line steamboat Red River sank here while trying to make a landing. The boat had a cargo of about 1,000 bales of cotton and other merchandise, and was fully insured. None of the crew was injured. The accident was apparently due to a leak in the vessel's hull.

Inconsistency.

"What is inconsistency?" asked the curious one.

"Well," responded the wise one, "it is that spirit which moves a woman whose sleeves stop at the elbow to scold her husband because he hasn't any cuffs on."—Chicago News.

Peruna gives us many too much, but no one enough.—Liberius.

Pastor Uses Pe-ru-na.
Rev. P. E. Swanson, box 228, Grantsburg, Wis., writes:
"I feel that it is my duty as well as a pleasure to let you know that I am entirely cured. I have used Peruna according to your personal directions and I am very glad that I found a medicine which would cure me after three years of suffering."
Editor's Recommendation.
Fred M. Armstrong, editor, Daily Gazette, Delaware, Ohio, writes:
"It gives me great pleasure to be able to recommend Peruna to everybody who is looking for a first-class tonic. Two bottles completely cured me and now I am enjoying the best of health."
Congressmen Endorse Pe-ru-na.
Hon. W. E. Andrews, Hastings, Neb., formerly vice-president of Hastings College and ex-member of the Fifty-fourth Congress, writes:
"I cheerfully recommend the preparation, Peruna, as a healthful tonic and a successful remedy for catarrh in its various forms."
Author Praises Pe-ru-na.
Mr. Robert E. Hanvey, well-known author and lecturer, writes from 11 S. Lincoln street, Chicago, Ill.:
"I was in good health until about four years ago when my back became lame and sore. The pains kept increasing with severe twitches and slow exhaustive aches. Having read of Peruna, I decided to try it. I found relief in ten days. Within three months I was well once more. I give all thanks to Peruna."

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